

Town of Hinesburg

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Weekly Update

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July 24, 2013



Upcoming Meetings...

- **Planning Commission:** *Wednesday, July 24 at 7:30pm (1st Floor, Town Hall)*
- **Library Board of Trustees:** *Wednesday, July 24, 7pm (Carpenter-Carse Library)*
- **Economic Development Committee:** *Thursday, July 25, 7pm, (3rd Floor, Town Hall)*
- **Selectboard:** *Monday, July 29, 2013 at 7pm (Main Hall, Town Hall)*
- **Public Hearing:** \$550,000 Application to the Vermont Community Development Program in support of an Affordable Housing Project behind Kinney's *Monday, July 29, 2013 at 7pm (Main Hall, Town Hall)*
- **Development Review Board:** *Tuesday, July 30, 7:30pm (Town Hall)*

Weekly Updates from Departments:

Town Health Officer

- ***Buckhill Road East*** – Filed complaint received from resident on Buckhill Road with Town Administrator and State of Vermont.

Hinesburg Community Police

- ***Animal Problem*** – On Wednesday the 17th, an officer responded to Lantman's parking lot for a dog left in a vehicle. Upon arrival, the officer contacted the vehicle owner who was warned about the dangers of leaving a pet unattended inside a vehicle.
- ***Family Dispute*** – On Thursday the 18th, a family dispute occurred at a residence on Pond Rd. Both parties came to the police station in separate vehicles to report the incident. It was alleged that one of the parties was cut on the arm with a kitchen knife and the other party broke a cell phone. The investigation is continuing.
- ***Family Dispute II*** – On Friday the 19th, officers were called to a residence for a verbal only citizen's dispute. It turned out that parents were checking on their adult son and he fled out the door. There was no further action needed.
- ***Neighbor Dispute*** – On Sunday the 21st, an officer responded to a residence on Birchwood Dr. The complaint related to a neighbor's dogs getting loose and going to the neighbor's house where chickens were kept. The officer was able to

talk to both parties and the Animal Control Officer will be contacted for follow-up.

Highway Department

- **116 Paving** – Paving will be in full swing the rest of the week and into next week. Keep up with the most up-to-date travel information by visiting www.hinesburg.org or have notices sent directly to your email by contacting Renae Marshall at rmarshall@hinesburg.org
- **Magee Hill Road Study** – Magee Hill Road sustained considerable damage during the violent rain storms in mid-June. These events required immediate upgrades to some culverts to temporarily fix problem areas. The Selectboard authorized a more thorough engineering study of the area in order to determine long-term solutions. This report was received over the past week and will be shared with the Selectboard and public.

Recreation Department



Hinesburg Summer Youth Track & Field Program - 2013

- **Hart & Mead Concert in the Park** – Tonight (7/24) "Ragged Glory" will perform at 6:30 pm. Rain date is Thursday, 7/25. For a listing of all Concert series programs see: <http://hinesburg.org/>
- **Youth Track & Field Program** – Thursday, July 18 was the final practice. We celebrated with a fun meet, popsicles and ice cream. Thanks to coaches Nora Kaszubowski and Tova Tomasi for an outstanding season!!
- **Youth Vermont State Track Meet** – At St. Johnsbury Academy. There were 29 athletes registered from our Champlain Valley Track & Field program.

Congratulations to Hinesburg participants: Gabriel Alvarez, Patrick Bilodeau, Ali Drew, Addison Hunter, Anna Morton, Evan Thorburn, and Tyler Wuthrich.

- **More Recreation Department Info.** – <http://hinesburg.org/recreation.html>

Carpenter-Carse Library

- **Monthly Library Board of Trustees Meeting** - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24. Meetings are open to the public.
- **Summer Reading Club Kids** – Don't forget to attend Session 5 this Wednesday and Session 6 next week if you have signed up for one or both! 482-2878 The summer is flying by. The last two Summer Reading Club sessions were loads of fun for the children: 24 children and 3 adults attended the Digging to China program with Suzanne Richard on July 10. 30 children and 4 adults attended the "What Rot! The Amazing Life of Dirt" program with Steven Amos (ANSES) on July 17.
- **New Adult Books** – We are anxiously awaiting the (late) arrival of a shipment of adult books; we will process the books for our readers as promptly as we can manage!
- **New Youth Books** – Arrived last week
- **Long-Range Planning** – We are taking a look at the Library's outdated long range plan with the intention of updating the vision, goals and objectives. Work on the project has not yet begun.
- **More Library Info.** – http://www.carpentercarse.org/ccl_programs.html.

Town Clerk's Office

- **Water/Sewer Billing** – 3rd Quarter 2013 bills for Town water and sewer usage were sent in the mail on July 11. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact us.
- **Tax Bills** – Property tax bills for FY2014 will be mailed the first week of August. These bills are due by November 15, 2013.
- **Board of Civil Authority** – Hinesburg's BCA will meet on August 6th at 7pm in Town Hall to hear appeals to property tax assessments.

Planning & Zoning

- **Village Visualization** – Final report is available for review online; documentation available includes an entertaining and informative five minute video. The Town Planner will be publicizing these results in more detail to the community at large later this week. <http://hinesburg.org/planning/village-visualization-project/>
- **116 Study** – August 15 next Steering Committee meeting; Public Forum will be scheduled in September (after Labor Day). <http://hinesburg.org/route116-corridor-study/>
- **Rural Zoning Public Hearing** – The Selectboard set a Public Hearing for August 19, 2013 at 7pm. Please review the information available on the Town's website: <http://hinesburg.org/planning/raz/>
- **Server** – Not only is the Director of Planning & Zoning active in his role as Town Planner but he moonlights as Town Hall's IT Director. As part of the Town's

capital plan, the server is being replaced this week. Our current server is eight (8) years old; we anticipate the new server will last between 7 – 8 years.

Town Administrator

- **Public Hearing** – 7pm on July 29, 2013 at Hinesburg’s Town Hall. Hinesburg Affordable Housing Project 2013 Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) Implementation Grant. The Town of Hinesburg is considering making an application to the State of Vermont for \$550,000 in VCDP funding which would go to the development and construction by Champlain Housing Trust and Housing Vermont of an affordable housing project. www.hinesburg.org
- **Public Safety Facility** – Hinesburg’s Development Review Board submitted their approval decision with conditions. The Public Safety Facility Committee continues to meet regularly and is now preparing to get Request for Proposals out for General Contracting services. Money from the bond issuance should be accessible to the Town in about a week. <http://hinesburg.org/public-safety-building-project/>
- **Selectboard Packet** – Information for all Selectboard meetings is available online for the public to review. For the meeting Monday night go to: http://hinesburg.org/selectboard/meeting_packet/13-0729/
- **Job Opening** – The Town has reposted the position of Water/Wastewater Operator. Applications are due to the Town Administrator by 4pm on August 14, 2013. Please contact the Town Administrator directly if you have any questions. Information and an application form is available on our website: <http://hinesburg.org/employment.html>
- **Facebook** – ‘Like’ the Town of Hinesburg on Facebook. <http://www.facebook.com/townofhinesburg>

Weekly Update from Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Town Forest Committee (June Meeting)

- **Signs** – Committee members working with Rocky Martin on the location of a new sign on Hayden Hill West
- **Kiosks** – Ray Mainer has volunteered to build four (4) kiosks for the Hinesburg Town Forest and Laplatte Town Forest.
- **Information on Hinesburg Town Forest** – Take advantage of Hinesburg’s Town Forest and the many recreational opportunities it provides. For maps and other information see: <http://hinesburg.org/townforestcomm.html>

Development Review Board

- **Police Station** - Hinesburg’s (new) police station was granted final approval by the Development Review Board.
- **Rowell Subdivision** – 2-lot subdivision was granted final approval. This is at the end of Weed Road.

- **Place/Coolbeth** – Sketch Plan approval for 3-lot subdivision on Place Road East.

Village Steering Committee

- **Memorial Park** – The Village Steering Committee spent the day on Sunday, July 21st engaged in a workday at Memorial Park. They installed a new fence and placed some gravel to help mitigate water issues that interfere with walking on the sidewalk. The Committee will continue working to improve Memorial Park this summer/fall by installing additional benches and planting new trees.



Photo of Memorial Park with New Fence Thanks to Village Steering Committee's Work Day on July 21

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